

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for formatting a plurality of source text files each having specific formats to be imported into a single spreadsheet file comprising the steps of:

a) selecting a user modifiable file format profile to be associated to each of the plurality of source text files, the plurality of file format profiles each including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

b) creating a source-format link between the plurality of source text files and the selected plurality of file format profiles;

c) importing the plurality of source text files into the single spreadsheet file after the creating the source-format link;

d) creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the single spreadsheet file after the importing; and

e) applying the selected plurality of file format profiles to the imported plurality of source text files by using the source-format link and the location link.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising before step a) a step of creating at least one file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of storing the created at least one file format profile into a file format profile database.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step a) the step of modifying the selected file format profile.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising a step of storing the modified selected file format profile into the file format profile database.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step d) a step of storing the location link into a spreadsheet user profile database.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the spreadsheet file is created by a spreadsheet program.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step e) a step of deleting the location link.
9. (Currently Amended) A system for formatting a plurality of source text files each having specific formats to be imported into a single spreadsheet file comprising:
 - a) a system for selecting a user modifiable file format profile to be associated to a source text file, the file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;
 - b) a system for creating a source-format link between the source text file and the selected file format profile;

c) a system for importing the source text file into the single spreadsheet file after the creating;

d) a system for creating a location link between the imported source text file and its location into the single spreadsheet file after the importing; and

e) a system for applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file by using the source-format link and the location link.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer program product stored on computer usable medium for formatting a plurality of source text files each having specific formats to be imported into a single spreadsheet file, comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform the steps of:

a) selecting a user modifiable file format profile to be associated to the source text file, the file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

b) creating a source-format link between the source text file and the selected file format profile;

c) importing the source text file into the single spreadsheet file after the creating the source-format link;

d) creating a location link between the imported source text file and its location into the single spreadsheet file after the importing; and

e) applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file by using the source-format link and the location link.

11. Cancelled.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier generates an action in the spreadsheet file.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier further comprises a plurality of identifiers, wherein each identifier generates a unique action in the spreadsheet file.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the location link further comprises a directory path to the source text files; and
the location link contains a related location and a size of each of the imported plurality of source text files.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the source-format link stores a format action applied to the spreadsheet file after the importing.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the applying further comprises executing a set of formatting instructions based on the at least one identifier contained in the file format profile.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating a spreadsheet user profile to correspond with the deletion.